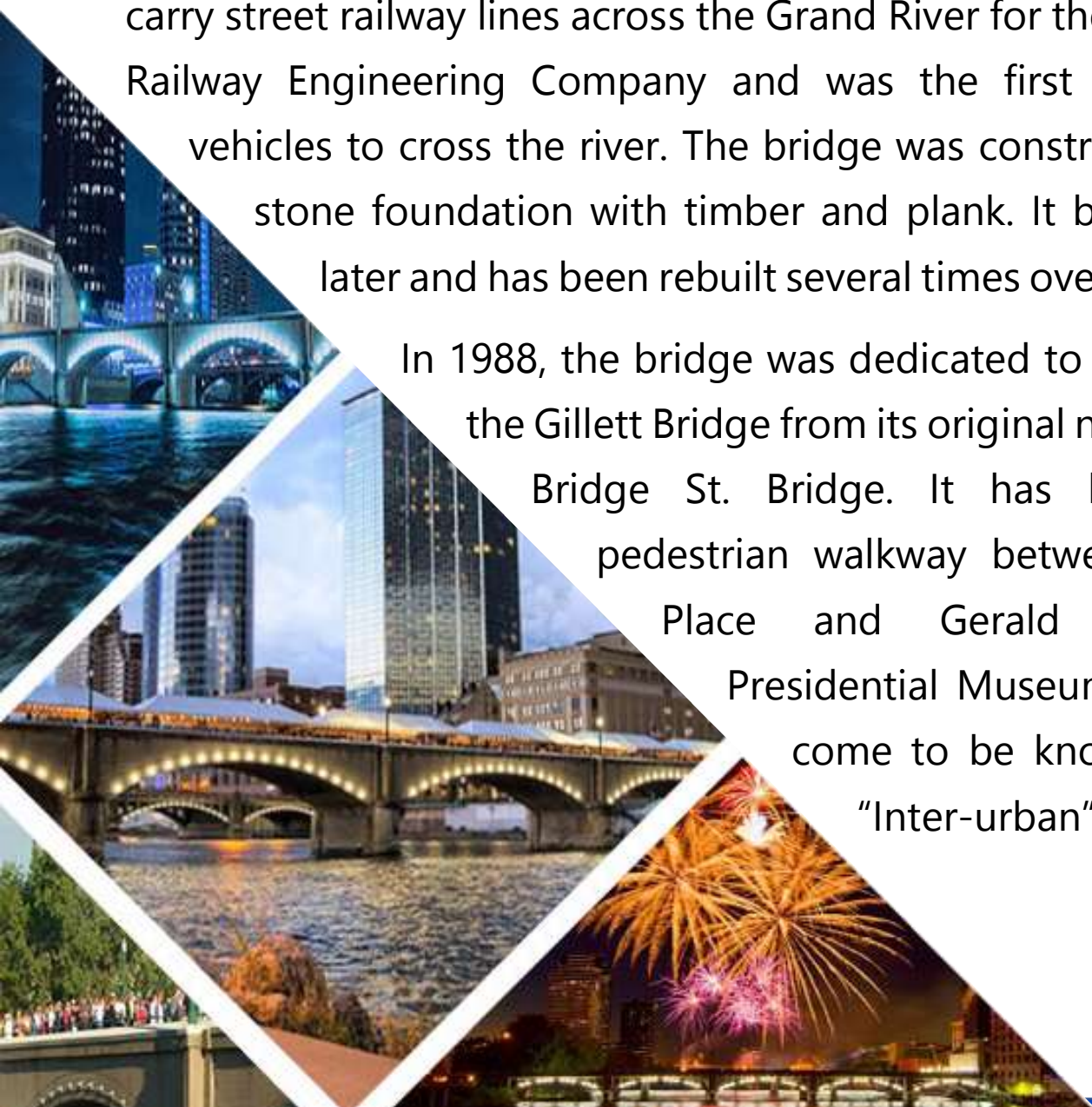




GILLETT BRIDGE

In 1845, Gillett Bridge was designed by Jack Ropoleski and is the fourth longest surviving earth filled concrete arch bridge in Michigan with a length of 472 feet. The bridge was designed to carry street railway lines across the Grand River for the Michigan Railway Engineering Company and was the first access for vehicles to cross the river. The bridge was constructed on a stone foundation with timber and plank. It burnt down later and has been rebuilt several times over the years.

In 1988, the bridge was dedicated to the City as the Gillett Bridge from its original name of the Bridge St. Bridge. It has become a pedestrian walkway between DeVos Place and Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, and has come to be known as the "Inter-urban" Bridge.



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RESTRICTIONS & GUIDELINES

- A **site map** must be provided to display the layout of the event.
- All **sound** must be conducted below 85 decibels.
- Any **tape, rope, signs, wire**, etc. that have been placed on the ground, buildings, columns, windows, poles, etc. must be completely removed after the event. Additional fees will be charged if items are left.
- Vendors/trucks/tables all must have a **mat** underneath to avoid damages to the grass and pavement and catch grease and liquid spills
- **Staking** is not permitted, you must use water barrels.
- All **vehicles**, in front of meters or not, must have a permit supplied by parking services. Vehicles without permits may be ticketed.
 - *Only vehicles dropping off for set-up/tear down are allowed.
- **Parking** is available in lots through Ellis Parking near Ah-Nab-Awen Park that connects via footpath to Gillett Bridge.
- Electrical **cords** are not to be strung across walkways/bridge for safety reasons. See picture for voltage and locations.
 - There are 20amp 110V outlets on every light pole along the bridge.
The power must first be turned on from the electrical shelter in Ah-Nab-Awen Park. An OSE employee will assist you in this.
- It is required that there is a **clean-up plan** established before the event takes place. There will be an extra fee for damages or any necessary clean up provided by the City.



SEVERE WEATHER DEFINITION

Severe weather involves conditions which can pose health or safety risks to employees or to the public involved in program/ event/facility use. Severe weather examples include: Tornado, Severe Thunderstorms, Lightning, High Winds, Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Heavy Snow, Freezing Rain, and Blizzards.

WATCH VS WARNING

SEVERE WEATHER WATCH

- High probabilities of severe weather
- Event continues if weather permits

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

- Event MC must immediately make an announcement instructing attendees to seek shelter
- Event staff and vendors shut down and turn off any gas or electric components

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

It is important to have a well thought out and coordinated approach for responding, proceeding and dealing with severe weather. The emphasis is to take reasonable steps towards protecting the public, employees, and property during severe weather.

- Designate a person who will maintain the appropriate communication link (radio, phone, etc.).
- Depending on the event, location, crowd and whether the event is yet to begin, just starting or nearly finished, the staff person in charge may delay or cancel event.
- The staff person in charge will make every effort to secure all equipment.
- When the police officers, fire officers, or other officials are available, their decision to delay or cancel an event should be discussed with the Office of Special Events.

*Refunds will be made at the discretion of the OSE





Gillett Bridge Capacity

Gillett Bridge can accommodate approximately 1,800 people at one time.

Amenities

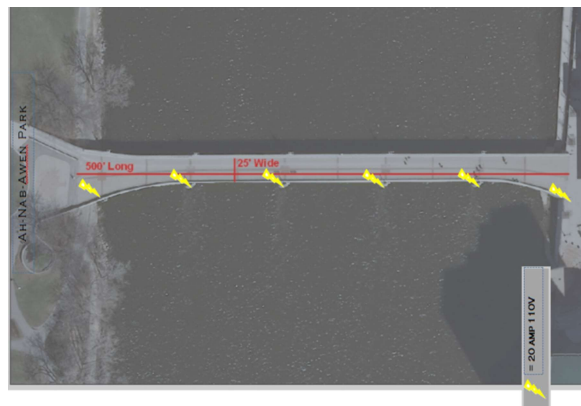
Access Restrooms, Electric, Access to Ah-Nab-Awen Park, and Access to Lyon Square.

Bridge Dimensions

Gillett Bridge is 500ft. Long and 25ft. Wide.

Site Rental

There is a cost to rent Gillett Bridge. For a full list of all fees that may apply, please refer to our Planning and Resource Guide at grandrapidsmi.gov/specialevents



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